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1. IN HARD HITTING REPLY TO CRITICISM OF GOE-USG NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT, FM FAHMY DELIVERED LENGTHY REMARKS TO CAIRO PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 16. SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

2. FAHMY SAID REAL CAUSE OF "ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN" AGAINST AGREEMENT IS APPREHENSION ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN USG/GOE RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR AND USG/ARAB RELATIONS IN GENERAL. RAPIDITY WITH WHICH CAMPAIGN DEVELOPED IS "ASTONISHING" AND HAS COME ON HEELS OF DAYAN'S STATEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN INTENDED FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION TO REVIVE HIS OWN POPULARITY.

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3. DAYAN AND "SOME OF THOSE LEADING ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK" HAVE HIDDEN INDISPUTABLE FACTS: A) ATOMIC REACTOR AGREED UPON BY GOE AND USG IS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF GENERATING ELECTRICITY AND ASSISTING AGRICULTURE; IT CANNOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. B) REACTOR WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES OF IAEA IN VIENNA AND ALSO TO AMERICAN INSPECTION. C) MORE THAN 15 GOI REPS ARE CURRENTLY IN US NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT FOR REACTOR TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. D) USG HAS NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITH MORE THAN THIRTY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SOME IN ME.

4. ISRAEL IS ONLY ME COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR "PREVENTION OF MAKING OR OBTAINING ATOMIC WEAPONS". EGYPT HAS SIGNED. ISRAEL'S REJECTION MEANS IT IS PLANNING PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SHOULD ISRAEL OBTAIN OR MAKE AN ATOMIC WEAPON, EGYPT--ALTHOUGH A SIGNATORY--WILL BE COMPELLED TO DO THE SAME FOR NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS. HERE LIES THE DANGER...

5. IT IS KNOWN ISRAEL HAS ATOMIC REACTOR OF "24 THERMAL MEGAWATTS" OBTAINED FROM FRANCE. A NUMBER OF NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES SERVING STRATEGIC PURPOSES ARE BASED ON THIS PLUTONIUM PRODUCING REACTOR WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OR INSPECTION. ISRAEL HAS OTHER REACTORS IN TWO-FIVE MEGAWATT RANGE OBTAINED FROM US FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AS WELL AS AN ATOMIC POWER UNIT (NOT A REACTOR) OBTAINED FROM US. GOE ALSO CARRIES OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES IN NUCLEAR FIELD IN COOPERATION WITH US AND HAS HEAVY WATER PLANT OPERATING IN COOPERATION WITH FRANCE.

6. THUS, IF DAYAN AND GOE OFFICIALS DO NOT DESIRE INTRODUCTION THIS DANGEROUS WEAPON TO ME, THEY NEED ONLY SIGN NON-PROLIFERATION AGREEMENT TO WHICH MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BECOME SIGNATORY. EILTS UNQUOTE. SISCO

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